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**HOUSE APPROVES Obey's Request for FUNDS  
FOR SMALL HARBOR DREDGING ON LAKE SUPERIOR**  
Measure Contains Over \$1.5 Million For Army Corps of Engineers Work

WASHINGTON, D.C. –“ The U.S. House of Representatives today approved a request by Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) for \$1.589 million in the FY2008 Energy and Water Appropriations bill to enable the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to meet its dredging responsibilities for small harbors on Lake Superior.

“The federal government has a responsibility to keep its promises of support to large and small harbors alike. Small harbors are an important economic engine for communities and safety net for boaters on the Great Lakes,” said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

“Unfortunately, the Administration has ignored the

maintenance needs of small harbors in recent years, leaving scores of communities in need.”

“We can’t deal with that backlog of maintenance in one shot, but we can make a start by directing the Corps of Engineers to take care of the seven harbors on Lake Superior most in need,” Obey added, noting that Port Wing, Cornucopia, and LaPointe in Wisconsin are three of those communities.

However, “the bill must still be approved by the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes law, but having these funds included in today’s House approved version means that a major hurdle has been cleared,” Obey noted.

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